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Front Cover Artwork

Albrecht Dürer, *Young Hare*, 1502, watercolor, 9.8 in. × 8.8 in., Albertina Museum, Vienna.

About the Artist: Albrecht Dürer was a German painter, printmaker, and theorist of the German Renaissance. Born in Nuremberg, Dürer established his reputation and influence across Europe in his twenties due to his high-quality woodcut prints. He was in contact with the major Italian artists of his time, including Raphael, Giovanni Bellini, and Leonardo da Vinci, and from 1512 was patronized by Emperor Maximilian I.

Dürer's vast body of work includes engravings, his preferred technique in his later prints, altarpieces, portraits and self-portraits, watercolors and books. The woodcuts series are more Gothic than the rest of his work. His well-known engravings include [his] three Meisterstiche [Master Prints] *Knight, Death and the Devil*, *Saint Jerome in his Study*, and *Melencolia I*. His watercolors mark him as one of the first European landscape artists, while his woodcuts revolutionized the potential of that medium.

artsandculture.google.com/entity/albrechtdürer/m0z6n?categoryId=artist&h=en

About the Cover Artwork: Dürer's most popular image and certainly his most commercial today is a watercolor of *A Young Hare*. It was painted for the sheer enjoyment that Dürer experienced in creating images and it is this pleasure that we experience when looking at it. The life and vitality of the creature is a testament to Dürer's skill as an artist as it was probably drawn from a stuffed model. This is a virtuoso piece of watercolor painting that demonstrates the intensity of an artist's vision when executed with a total control of his medium.

To begin the work, Dürer lightly sketched the image and underpainted it with some brown washes. Then he patiently built up the texture of the fur with a variety of dark and light brushstrokes in both watercolor and gouache. Gradually, the painting is brought to completion with the addition of a few refined details such as the whiskers and the meticulous reflection of a window in the creature's eye. Finally, the artist dated and signed the work with his famous monogram—a mark of his approval and a sign that he thought of this work as a finished artwork in its own right.

artyfactory.com/art_appreciation/animals_in_art/albrecht_durer.htm



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gobble (piano), Joe Kearns (tin whistle), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), and Don Wood (vocals).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

Junior Church for children aged 4-Grade 2 is held in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time. Children are dismissed during the hymn before the sermon and will return to their parents during the final hymn.

Today's Communion Servers are Joe Kearns and Brad Weaver.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

Psalm 98:1-4

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!*

*His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*

*² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

*³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.*

***All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.***

*⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

♯ D A⁷ D G A⁷ D A E⁷ A ♯ D

1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord new songs of
 2. The great sal - va - tion of our God is seen through
 3. He called to mind his truth and grace in prom - ise
 4. All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to

G D G D A D A⁷ D

praise with sweet ac - cord; for won - ders great by
 all the earth a - broad; be - fore the hea - then's
 made to Is - rael's race; and un - to earth's re -
 him, with shouts re - joice; with voice of joy and

G A⁷ D A ♯ D G A⁷ D Em D A⁷ D ♯

him are done, his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.
 won - d'ring sight he has re - vealed his truth and right.
 mot - est bound glad tid - ings of sal - va - tion sound.
 loud ac - claim let all u - nite and praise his name.

5. Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
 with voice of psalms his glory raise;
 with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
 and shout before the Lord, the King.

6. Let earth be glad, let billows roar
 and all that dwell from shore to shore;
 let floods clap hands with one accord,
 let hills rejoice before the Lord.

7. For lo, he comes; at his command
 all nations shall in judgment stand;
 in justice robed and throned in light,
 the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost: as it was in
the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.**

* “‘Catholic’ here means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples.” It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; it is not a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Exodus 20:13

As we listen to this reading of Scripture today we remember that our God is a holy God, "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29), and so we are to "see that [we] do not refuse him who is speaking" (Hebrews 12:25).

You shall not murder.

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereunto.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of July 7-13, 2024

Intercession *for the World*:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Public Library Director Alison Jacobine
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Japan
- **Unreached People Group:** Bauri of India and Bangladesh
Population: 2,380,000; Language: Bengali; Religion: Hinduism

Unreached people groups make up 42.4% of the world's population (approximately 3.4 billion persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net. "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Intercession *for the Church (God's People)*:

- **Health issues:** Darlene K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Treasurer Mike Miller
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Oakwood Presbyterian Church,
State College, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Covenant College

The Lord's Prayer: We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

During this song, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

***Song of Preparation:**

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the final verse. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some lines indented to align with specific notes. The music features a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with a steady, comforting melody.

1. Dear ref - uge of my wear - y soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise,
2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine;
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;

On Thee, when waves of trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies.
The springs of com - fort seem to fail and all my hopes de - cline.
And can the ear of sov - 'reign grace be deaf when I com - plain?
With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.

To Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal;
Yet, gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust;
No, still the ear of sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer;
Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;

Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - 'ry pain I feel.
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though pros - trate in the dust.
Oh, may I ev - er find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.
With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

John 8:36-59

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

³⁹ They answered him, "Abraham is our father."

Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did."

They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

"One with the Father" (16)

The Son of the Father

Today's Text: John 8:36-59

Pastor David Kertland

1. Is _____ enough?

2. What _____ reveals.

3. The _____ of God.

Prayer of Application

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

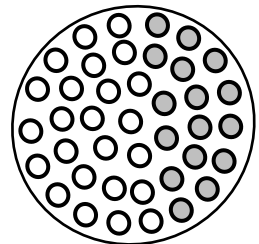
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.



white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

God of Grace

1. God of grace, a - maz-ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;
3. God of grace, I stand a-stound-ed, cleansed, for-giv - en, and se - cure.

oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.
sent my Sav - ior down from heav-en— per-fect God and per-fect man.
All my fears are now con-found-ed, and my hope is ev - er sure.

God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re-stores my soul.
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.
God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face;

His own blood has paid my ran - som; awe-some cost to make me whole.
Eve - ry day His grace sus-tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.
and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last-ing grace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing a harmonic foundation. The lyrics are written below the voice staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different verses or parts of the song.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

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Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

*Postlude

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Richard Parkes Bonington, *An Estuary in Northern France possibly that of the River Somme*, about 1825-7, Oil on fiber board, 16.7 × 27.9 cm., Inventory Number: NG6619, Accepted by HM Government in lieu of Inheritance Tax and allocated to the National Gallery, 2012, National Gallery of Art, London, not on display.
- 2) **Music:** "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord" (16) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul" (52) is reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (Los Angeles, CA: The Master's Seminary Press, 2015). "God of Grace" (217) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders* (2nd Ed.), Dan Kreider, General Editor, Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: about the artist: artsandculture.google.com/entity/albrechtdürer/m0z6n?categoryId=artist&h=en, about the artwork: artyfactory.com/art_appreciation/animals_in_art/albrecht_durer.htm. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, Augustine, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, J. I. Packer, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), William Still, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
- 5) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster, PA (2015).

* Congregation standing



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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is “**Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.**” Various organizations of the PCA include:



Mission to the World (www.mtw.org): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



Committee on Discipleship Ministries

(www.pcacdm.org, www.cepbookstore.com, www.gcp.org): Curriculum and other resources to assist leaders in the local church as they make disciples (Matthew 28:19) among children, youth, and adults in the congregation.



Covenant College

(www.covenant.edu): our denominational college on Lookout Mountain, GA (overlooking Chattanooga, TN)



Covenant Theological Seminary

(www.covenantseminary.edu): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



PCA Administrative Committee (www.pcaac.org): promotes the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA.



Reformed Universities Ministries (www.ruf.org): the PCA college campus ministry



Ridge Haven Camp, Conference Center, Retreat Center, and Residential Community

(www.ridgehaven.org): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.



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